



*St. Joseph Neier*

Fr. Donald Henke, Pastor  
February 2 - 3, 2019

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Saturday: 5:00 p.m.  
Sunday: 8:00 & 10:00 am  
Confessions:  
Saturday: 4:00 to 4:40 pm

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### *From your Pastor*

February 3<sup>rd</sup> is the normal date on which the Church celebrates the memorial of St. Blaise and offers the traditional blessing of throats for everyone attending Mass or blessing services that day. The following paragraphs offer a brief description of the life of St. Blaise and the devotion that arose as a result of his holy life. Considering the readings that we have for this Sunday, I thought that the last paragraph was particularly appropriate for our consideration.

"All sources agree that St. Blaise was the Bishop of Sebaste in Armenia who suffered martyrdom under Licinius about AD 316. In accord with various traditions, St. Blaise was born to rich and noble parents, and received a Christian education. He was a physician before being consecrated a bishop at a young age. Keep in mind that at that time the local community usually nominated a man to be a bishop based on his outstanding holiness and leadership qualities; he in turn was then examined and consecrated by other bishops with the approval of the Holy Father. Therefore, St. Blaise must have been a great witness of our Faith, to say the least. During the persecution of Licinius, St. Blaise, receiving some divine command, moved from the town, and lived as a hermit in a cave. One day, a group of hunters discovered St. Blaise and seized him. While in prison, he miraculously cured a small boy who was choking to death on a fishbone lodged in his throat. Eventually, St. Blaise was condemned for upholding his Christian faith rather than apostatizing. He was tortured with the iron comb (an instrument designed for combing wool but was used here for shredding the skin) and finally beheaded. By the sixth century, St. Blaise's intercession was invoked for diseases of the throat in the East. As early as the eighth century, records attest to the veneration of St. Blaise in Europe, and he became one of the most popular saints in the spiritual life of the Middle Ages. One reason for St. Blaise's popularity arose from the fact he was a physician who cured, even performing miraculous cures. Thereby, those who were sick, especially with throat ailments, invoked his intercession. Eventually the custom of the blessing of throats arose, whereby the priest held two crossed candles over the heads of the faithful or touched their throats with them while he invoked the prayer of the saint and imparted God's blessing.

While we invoke St. Blaise for his protection against any physical ailment of the throat, we should also ask is protection against any spiritual ailment — profanity, cursing, unkind remarks, detraction or gossip. St. James reminds us, "If a man who does not control his tongue imagines that he is devout, he is self-deceived; his worship is pointless" (1:26) and later, "We use [the tongue] to say, Praised be the Lord and Father"; then we use it to curse men, though they are made in the likeness of God. Blessing and curse come out of the same mouth.

### *St. Joseph Events*

- **Ladies Sodality Meeting this Sunday after 8 am Mass. All ladies welcome!**
- **Trivia Night has been rescheduled to Feb 16<sup>th</sup> in the parish center. Doors open at 6:30, Trivia starts at 7 pm. We are not able to offer the Cajun menu this time around, so the table fee is only \$100. Bring your own snacks but no outside alcohol – cash bar available. Please call 314-808-3364 to reserve your table. More info in back of church.**
- **SAVE THE DATE...March 23<sup>rd</sup> for the first ever "Road Rally" here at St. Joseph. Info later!**

St. Joseph Neier, is happy to announce a partnership with St. Gerald, Holy Family, St. Ann and St. Gertrude churches to kickoff a local **Teen Youth Group!** We will rotate monthly teen social gatherings and set up a summer mission trip. This year, teens will help set up and stock a food pantry in Southern Missouri. This is not any school or a PCD related group. All are welcome! We are still in the planning stages, please look for more information soon. For more questions, contact Kelly Zagarri at 314-973-0199

- **Kindergarten, Preschool and New Student Registration for Immaculate Conception School, 2019-2020 School Year will be held on the following dates:**

Thursday, February 7th: 8:00 a.m. – 2:30 p.m.

Friday, February 8th: 8:00 a.m. – 2:30 p.m.

**Kindergarten children must be five years of age before August 1, 2019.**

To register for preschool or kindergarten, parents should bring the child's immunization record, birth certificate, social security card and baptismal certificate.

Beyond Sunday Scholarship Program is available at [www.ttef-stl.org](http://www.ttef-stl.org).

**Please call 636-583-2641 for further information.**

**K.C. News**

There will be a Corn Hole tournament on Friday nights except for Fish Fry nights

Starting at 7:00 pm, \$5.00 per team. Drawing for partners.

The 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Degree has been rescheduled for Sunday Feb. 17<sup>th</sup> 1<sup>st</sup> degree starting at 10:00 and 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Degree starting at 1:00; Lower Level KC Hall Washington

Any 3<sup>rd</sup> Degree member looking to join the 4<sup>th</sup> Degree for more information call 314-581-6968

Thank You to all K of C Council # 1576 with the D of I that once again provide services to prepare sack lunches for all the Special Olympic teams and their coaches on Sunday Jan. 27<sup>th</sup> at the K C hall in Union The Special Olympics teams thru out Missouri was participating in the area basketball tournament that day in the Union and Washington area. This year 650 sack lunches were served and *Thank You* to all who helped.

This ought not to be, my brothers!" (3:9-10). Therefore, may St. Blaise protect us from all evil, physical and spiritual, which may attack the throat."<sup>1</sup>

Have a blessed week!

***Mass Intentions: 2/4 – 2/10/19***

Monday	6:30 am	Rudy & Rosemary Straatmann
Tuesday	6:30 am	Dolly McCarty (P.H. Devotions after Mass)
Wednesday	6:30 am	Eugene Brueggemann
Thursday	6:30 am	Frank & Emma Schmuke
Friday	6:30 am	Virginia & Jim Grant ~ Margaret & Norvil Pillen
Saturday	5:00 pm	Vincent Schmuke Jr
Sunday	8:00 am	<i>The Parish Family of St. Joseph</i>
	10:00 am	Arthur, Virginia & Karen Voss

***Eucharistic Adoration this Thursday, February 7<sup>th</sup>, beginning at 7 am and ending with Benediction at 5:50. Fr. Henke will be available for Confessions from 5 – 5:40 pm. Sign- up sheet in back of church. Please come spend some time with our Lord.***

***Commentators and Lectors: This Week***

Saturday	5:00 pm	Judy Brueggemann
Sunday	8:00 am	Dennis Randolph
	10:00 am	Lisa Bocklage

***Next Week***

Theresa Straatmann
Jim & Chris Block
Morgan Hammer

***Servers:***

Saturday	5:00 pm	Adam & Alex Bolzenius	Maddy Eckstein Mark Straatmann
Sunday	8:00 am	Josh Straatmann Emma Roberts	Andrew Flagg Lillian Wisker
	10:00 am	Izzy & Joe Zagarri	Jenna & Ben Hammer

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<sup>1</sup> Fr. William Saunders, "The Feast of St. Blaise," [catholiceducation.org](http://catholiceducation.org), Arlington Catholic Herald, 2003.

### *Eucharistic Ministers:*

Saturday	5:00 pm	Theresa Brueggemann Anna Donner Cheryl Voss	Alberta Jacquin Joan Kloeppel Cathie Grus
Sunday	8:00 am	Jeanne Dierking Jane Stephens Vi Schroeder	Karen Dierking Frank & Janet Domijan
	10:00 am	Wayne & Kim Brautigam Patti Greife	Denise & Tim Feth Jeff Baker

<b>Collection for</b>	<b>1/27/19</b>
Regular Offering Envelopes:	\$3031.00
Regular Offering Loose:	\$ 43.00
<b>Total:</b>	<b>\$3074.00 Thank you for your generosity!</b>

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### **Neighboring Activities**

- **Sunday, Feb. 10th – Breakfast at Union K of C, serving 7 – 11 am**
  
- **2019 I.C. Dinner Auction – Saturday, March 2, 2019**  
**JOIN US at this year's Immaculate Conception Dinner Auction -- "A NIGHT AT THE MOVIES" -** It's the 29th year of the I.C. Dinner Auction! Join us at this fun and worthwhile event for the students of Immaculate Conception School on Saturday, March 2, at the I.C. Parish Center. The doors open at 5:30pm, with a Prime Rib and Pork Tenderloin dinner starting at 6:30pm and opportunities to bid on a variety of great items all throughout the night. Admission: \$50 per person advance seating or \$55 per person after February 22. Invites are to be mailed this week. Return your RSVPs with payment to I.C. Dinner Auction, 100 North Washington Ave., Union, MO 63084, or call Lisa Bocklage at (314) 619-3747 for more information.

**SFB Regional High School is looking to hire an Accountant for the school to begin March 1<sup>st</sup>.**

**The Accountant plays an important role by keeping all financial records and tuition for all students. This person would also be involved in the yearly budgeting procedure, student registration, and collection of fees and tuition. This position is also responsible for the Human Resource management of the school. You should be proficient with Excel and Word. Skyward experience is a plus. Familiar with general ledger entries and how they work in conjunction with income and expense. This person must be flexible, able to do many different tasks, and must be able to maintain confidentiality.**

**Send resumes to:** Rev. Kevin Schmittgens  
1000 Borgia Dr.  
Washington, MO 63090

**Or:** kevin.schmittgens@borgia.com

**St. Francis Borgia Regional High School is looking for a head girls' varsity volleyball coach and a junior varsity boys' soccer coach for the 2019-2020 school year. For additional information, please contact Chris Arand at 636-239-7871 ext. 118, or email [chris.arand@borgia.com](mailto:chris.arand@borgia.com).**